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SUMMARY. SALIENT POINTS OF QADHAFI'S SPEECH: EGYPT; LIBYA
WILL NOT FIGHT EGYPTIANS, ITS ARMED FORCES FOR STRUGGLE
AGAINST ISRAEL; TUNISIA; PRESENT READING AND BATES DRILLING
45 KILOMETERS FROM DISPUTED CONTINENTAL SHELF LINE.
TUNISIANS MOVING LINE SINCE 1968. LIBYAN-TUNISIAN UNITY
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WILL SOLVE PROBLEMS. AFRICA; ARMED STRUGGLE AGAINST RACISM
LEGITIMATE. ARAB UNITY. END SUMMARY.

ASIDE FROM KOL. QADAFI'S REMARKS REPORTED REFTEL,

DURING JUNE 2 SPEECH ON 64TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AL
QARDABYAH BATTLE, THE LIBYAN COLONEL MADE THE FOLLOWING

SALIENT REMARKS:

1. EGYPT. COLONEL QADHAFI CLAIMED THAT THE REAL MENACE THREATENING THE ARAB NATION WAS A "POISONED DAGGER PLANTED IN THE BACK OF THE ARAB HOMELAND, NAMELY THE OCCUPATION OF PALESTINE." HE CALLED FOR ALL ARAB NATIONS TO JOIN FORCES AGAINST THIS THREAT AND COMMENTED THAT THE EFFORTS OF AN ARAB NATION (EGYPT) WERE NOT DIRECTED TOWARDS THIS GOAL. QADHAFI CLAIMED THAT THE ARAB NATION'S BATTLE WAS NOT THE AL-JAGHBUB FRONT (LIBYAN-EGYPTIAN BORDER) WHERE HE CLAIMED THOUSANDS OF SOLDIERS OF A "CERTAIN ARAB STATE ARE CONCENTRATED." HE STATED THAT THE PROBLEM OF THE ARAB NATION WAS NOT THAT OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF BETWEEN LIBYA AND TUNISIA NOR THE DISPUTE BETWEEN DAMASCUS AND BAGHDAD. HE STATED IT WAS WRONG FOR THE LIBYANS AND EGYPTIANS TO CONFRONT EACH OTHER AND THAT THEY SHOULD LEND THEIR CAPACITIES TO CONFRONT THE ARAB NATION'S REAL, COMMON ENEMY. QADHAFI CLAIMED THAT A YEAR HAD PASSED SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE CONCENTRATION OF EGYPTIAN FORCES ALONG THE LIBYAN BORDER, WHICH HE SAID WAS INCREASING "DAY AFTER DAY." HE SAID LIBYA WILL NOT ALLOW ITSELF TO DEPLOY ONE SINGLE BATTALION ALONG ITS BORDERS TO CONFRONT ANY ARAB ARMY. HE INDICATED THAT THE ONLY TIME LIBYA WOULD GO TO WAR WOULD BE TO JOIN THE ARMED FORCES OF EGYPT AGAINST A COMMON ENEMY. IF THERE IS ANOTHER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WAR, HE STATED, IT WILL NOT BE A WAR OVER BORDERS BUT A POLITICAL AND IDEOLOGICAL WAR WHICH MIGHT CHANGE THE MAP (OF THE M.E.) AND ENABLE LIBYA TO "SETTLE ACCOUNTS." COLONEL QADHAFI STATED THAT, AS A RESULT OF WATCHING PRESIDENT SADAT'S TELEVISED INTERVIEW ON MAY 15, HE BELIEVED SADAT COULD NOT BE BLAMED FOR ANYTHING HE COMMITS AGAINST LIBYA BECAUSE SADAT IS SUFFERING FROM "A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN." IN WHAT APPEARED TO BE A CONCILIATORY MOVE TOWARDS EGYPTIANS QADHAFI INDICATED THAT LIBYA WAS CAPABLE OF FOREGETTING "THE DEEP WOUNDS INFILCTED BY OUR EGYPTIAN BROTHERS IN ORDER TO DO SOMETHING FOR THE ARAB NATION WHICH IS RUNNING HAPHAZARDLY AND WHOSE SITUATION HAS BECOME DEPLORABLE."

2. TUNISIA. COLONEL QADHAFI CLAIMED THAT THE LINE WHICH DIVIDES THE CONTINENTAL SHELF WITH TUNISIA IS 45 KILOMETERS WEST OF THE AREA WHERE READING AND BATES DRILLING IS CURRENTLY TAKING PLACE. HE CLAIMED THAT

THE LINE TUNISIA DREW FOR IS CONTINENTAL SHELF IS ALSO 45 KILOMETERS WEST OF THIS POINT. HE ACCUSED THE TUNISIANS OF CONTINUOUSLY MOVING THIS LINE EASTWARD SINCE 1968 WHENEVER EXPLORATIONS INDICATED THE PRESENCE OF OIL. QADHAFI CLAIMED THAT WHEN LIBYAN EXPERTS PUBLISHED THEIR MAP ON THE DISPUTE IT BECAME EVIDENT THAT THE RIG WAS LOCATED 120 KILOMETERS NORTH OF AZ ZAWAYAH (LIBYA) AND 220 KILOMETERS FROM THE GULF OF GABES. HE STATED THAT HIS LOCALITY COULD NOT BE A POINT OF DISPUTE BETWEEN TUNISIA AND LIBYA. HE STATED THAT, IF THE PRESENT TUNISIAN LINE FOR THE CONTINENTAL SHELF IS EXTENDED FROM TUNISIA, IT WOULD BE NORTH OF AL KHUMS (LIBYA). HE SAID HE BELIEVED THE WORLD WOULD LAUGH AND WOULD NOT DISCUSS THIS CASE WHEN IT BECAME CLEAR THAT THE MALTESE-LIBYAN CONTINENTAL SHELF WOULD BECOME NOT A MALTESE-LIBYAN CONTINENTAL SHELF BUT A TUNISIAN-MALTESE CONTINENTAL

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SHELF. QADHAFI ALSO ATTACKED TUNISIAN INFORMATION

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MEDIA WHICH HE CLAIMED LAUNCHED AN ATTACK AGAINST LIBYA AIMED AT INFLUENCING INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC OPINION AND THE TUNISIAN PEOPLE. HE ADDED THAT UNDOUBTEDLY TUNISIA NEEDED OIL BUT THIS DID NOT GIVE TUNISIA JUSTIFICATION TO LOOK FOR OIL INSIDE THE LIBYAN CONTINENTAL SHELF. HE CLAIMED THAT THE CORRECT HISTORICAL SOLUTION WAS FOR TUNISIA TO ACCEPT UNITY WITH LIBYA AND EQUALLY SHARE THE OIL OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF AND THE ASSARIR OIL FIELD.

3. AFRICA. QADHAFI ASKED WHAT GUINEA WAS GUILTY OF
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THAT IT SHOULD BE SUBJECTED YEARLY TO A "COLONIALIST CONSPIRACY AND BARBARIC INVASION." HE REITERATED THE QUESTION IN REFERENCE TO BENIN WHICH HE CLAIMED WAS ATTEMPTING TO BUILD A PROGRESSIVE FORCE AND REJECT COLONIALIST CONTROL. HE CLAIMED THAT THE AFRICAN PEOPLE WANTED TO LIBERATE THEMSELVES AND FOR THIS REASON COLONIALIST STATES CONSPIRED AGAINST THEM. HE ASKED WHETHER OR NOT THE PEOPLE OF MOZAMBIQUE HAD THE RIGHT TO STRUGGLE WITH THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE TO RID THEMSELVES OF WHITE MINORITY RULE. QADHAFI CLAIMED THAT INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM WAS NOT PEOPLE'S SUPPORT OF THE PALESTINIAN LIBERATION ORGANIZATIONS BUT THE PRESENCE OF WHITE MINORITY RULE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

4. ARAB UNITY. QADHAFI CLAIMED THAT THE REAL SOLUTIONS OF THE PROBLEM OF THE MIDDLE EAST LAY IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF "JOINT UNITY OF ALL ARABS AND THEIR OIL." ALLUDING TO US MEDDLE EAST PEACE EFFORTS QADHAFI STATED THAT A SOLUTION TO THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM COULD NOT COME FROM ABROAD AS SOME CLAIMED (READ EGYPT). HE FURTHER STATED LIBYA WAS AGAINST CAPITULATION AND REJECTED HUMILIATING NEGOTIATIONS WITH PRECONDITIONS. HE CLAIMED THAT LIBYA'S DEVELOPMENT OF HER MILITARY AND ECONOMIC POWER WAS AIMED AT STRENGTHENING THE ARAB'S GENERAL NEGOTIATING POSITION. HE STATED THAT LIBYA STRENGTHENS THOSE ARABS WHO WERE FIGHTING AGAINST HER AND UNFORTUNATELY, "DO NOT KNOW THEY ARE FIGHTING AGAINST THEMSELVES PARTICULARLY

WHEN THE RAISE COMPLAINTS ABOUT LIBYAN ARMAMENT AND
THIS MILITARY ARSENAL." QADHAFI INVITED EGYPT AND
SYRIA TO BENEFIT FROM LIBYA'S MILITARY POWER SINCE
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